

Appl. No. 09/997,652  
Amdt. Dated May 14, 2004  
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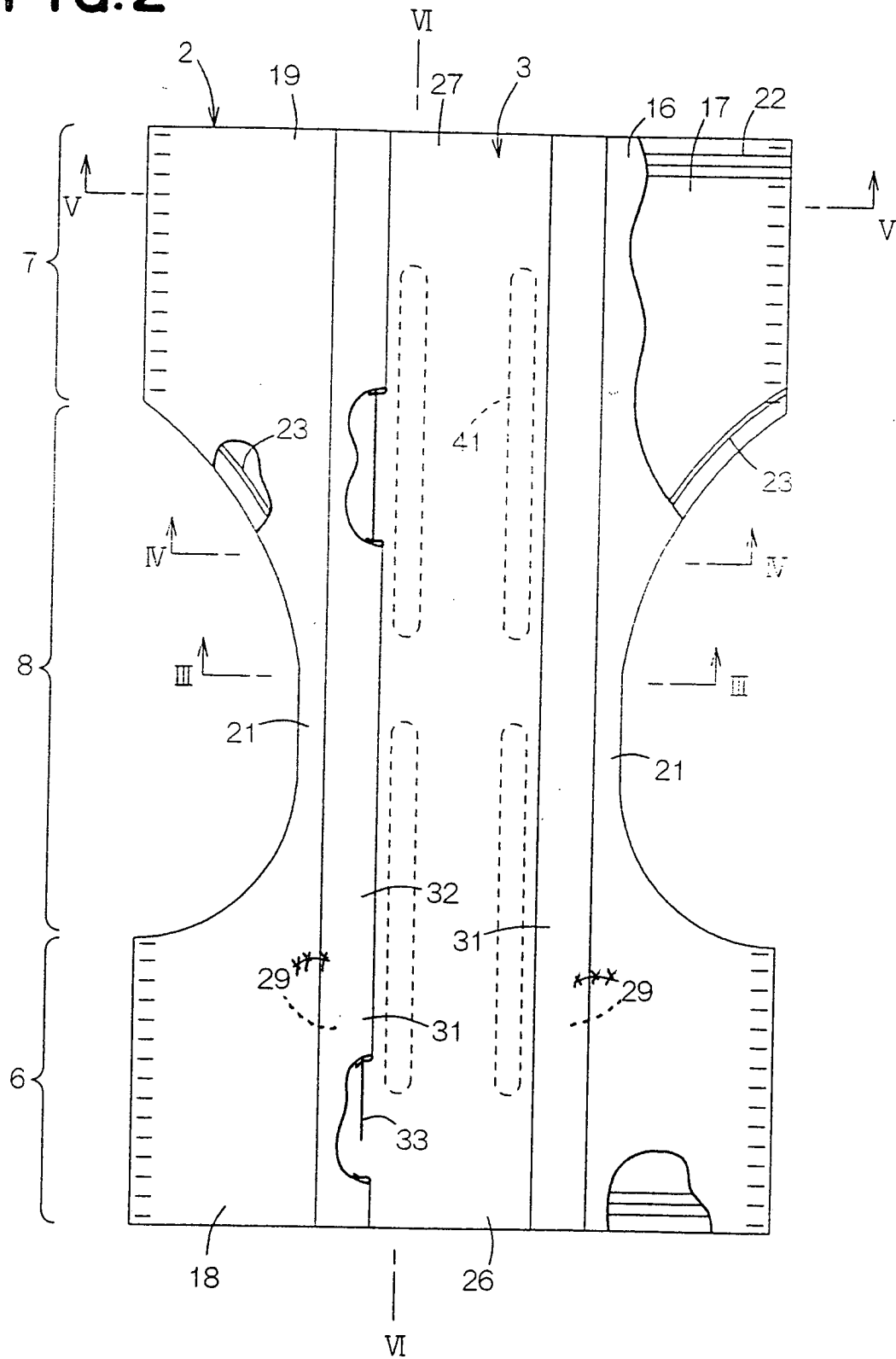
**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Submitted herewith under separate cover is a Request for Approval of Drawing Amendments to which is attached photocopies of Fig. 2 and 7 with proposed changes indicated in red ink. These drawing figures are labeled "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" in conformity with 37 CFR §1.121.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt and review and approve the proposed drawing amendment so that applicants' can proceed with having replacement drawing sheets prepared and submitted.



FIG.2



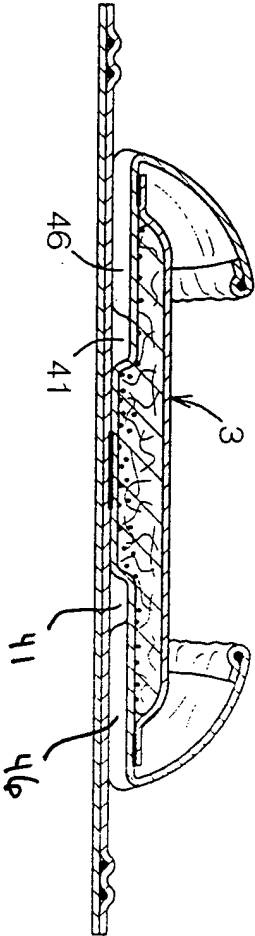


FIG. 7